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SETTLEMENT IN SIGHT.

Ladysmith Miners Expected to Take Decisive Step This Evening.

(Special to the Times.)
Nanaimo, May 20.—Walter Rowbottom, a miner, was brought to this city from Mount Brenton mines last evening with his face terribly cut and burned as a result of an explosion of dynamite. It appears Rowbottom had fired a shot, which only partly burned, while getting out rock his pick struck the unexploded dynamite. He was disfigured, but will recover.

Upon the resumption of work at Ladysmith, it is reported, the Leader will be revived with A. C. Thompson, late of the Herald, in the editorial chair.

The news from Denver that the executive of the Western Federation could only grant \$1,000 per month for relief purposes was received by the Ladysmith miners with much disfavor. If this sum were divided equally amongst the miners in that vicinity it would not reach more than \$2.25 per month. A new meeting is to be held to-night to decide the matter. General opinion prevails that the men will withdraw from the federation. Mr. Dunsinuir has promised to have a proposal for settlement for to-night's meeting. If the proposition is at all reasonable it will be accepted by the men without further delay. It is almost certain

that the strike will be settled before 24 hours have elapsed.

PACIFIC SERVICE.

Existing Arrangement Is to Be Continued for Two Years.

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, May 20.—Premier Barton has called Sir Wilfrid Laurier stating that arrangements were concluded for the continuation of the Canadian and Australian steamship service for two years. Particulars, he said, would be forwarded by mail. The contract expired on 1st of May last. There was talk for an improved service, but it looks as if the existing arrangement was to be continued for two years more.

THE LABOR COMMISSION.

Sitting at Nanaimo, Where S. M. Robins Will Give Evidence.

(Special to the Times.)
Ladysmith, May 20.—The royal labor commission has adjourned its sittings at Ladysmith pending the conference between Mr. Dunsinuir and his employees and the meeting of the strikers which is to be held to-night. The commissioners have gone to Nanaimo by the Quana, and will hold a session there this afternoon. It is expected that S. M. Robins, ex-superintendent of the New Vancouver Coal Company, will give evidence before the commission to-day.

RAILWAY COMPANY CLAIMS TITLE

IT MAY APPEAL TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The Suggestion Given That Disallowance of Bill 16 May Be Sought by C. P. R.

Mr. McPhillips at the opening of the Columbia and Western inquiry this morning took exception to the Colonist's notice of his delaying the proceedings the morning previous. The Colonist in doing so, he said, was but following its policy of dragging its partisanship into its news columns which was in strange contradiction to the policy of the press of the country. He explained also his reference a few days ago to the press failing to grasp the line of reasoning. He stated that what he intended was that the stenographic report should be referred to in getting at what took place. He had not intended any disrespect to the press representatives.

Chairman Clifford thought that Mr. McPhillips had no reason to complain. The custom of the committee had been to wait almost every morning for him on account of arriving late. He said he had been described in the Times as showing partisan spirit. He did not pay a great deal of attention to these matters, as the Times, he supposed, consistently opposed him as a supporter of the government.

Mr. McPhillips, continuing his examination of Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, called attention to the notice of the 30th November, 1900, in the Canada Gazette of the incorporation of the Pacific Coal Company. On 19th December, 1900, the lands in question were allotted to the B. C. Southern.

A telegram dated Victoria, December 18th, from G. McL. Brown to Sir Thomas was read as follows: "Private: modified B. C. Southern settlement passed. After settlement necessary details will leave for East probably in a day or two."

Sir Thomas did not know of the lands going to the B. C. Southern. He did not know whether the suggestion to transfer it from the B. C. Southern to the Columbia and Western came from the government or from some one else.

Mr. McPhillips stated that apparently some one was acting in the interests of the Columbia and Western in having the transfer made unknown to himself.

Mr. Creelman's opinion, Sir Thomas said, was that the Crown's Nest Coal Company could not have a claim upon the lands if it went to the Columbia and Western, unless on account of the B. C. Southern.

Sir Thomas went into the matter fully. He explained that whether for political reasons or otherwise, the government proposed to transfer the lands from the B. C. Southern to the Columbia and Western. It did not matter a twopenny piece to either the C. P. R. or the people of British Columbia.

If the object of the committee was to protect the Crown's Nest Coal Company, that ineffective corporation, against the encroachments of the C. P. R., then he would have brought along other documents to deal with that.

Sir Thomas said that a great deal of stress had been laid upon this point.

He would not have tolerated an arrangement by which the Crown's Nest Coal Company would not get its 10,000 acres even if the lands went to the Columbia and Western.

Mr. McPhillips pressed that the door was open for a fraud except for the honor of the railroad company.

Sir Thomas supposed such a construction might be put upon it.

A telegram on 23rd July, 1901, was read from Mr. Brown to Sir Thomas as follows: "Feel now that with prompt decision southeast corner, and probably section lying between B. C. Southern block 2 and Elk river, might be secured as land third section Columbia & Western, and at same time finally close B. C. Southern matters. Provided make extremely cession acreage Columbia & Western would furnish full acreage first section, which would largely absorb available area contiguous. This would preclude obtaining full area third section. In any event, in view advantage establishing line land precedent very necessary in fourth section settlement, and in view land commissioner opinion land contiguous to line no value any way, would like your approval go ahead on these lines."

In answer a telegram of July 24th was sent as follows to Mr. Brown from Sir Thomas: "First and second sections cover land between Rossland and Robson. You understand nature of agreement between Heinze and company with reference to lands earned by construction of these two sections. We can make no bargain that will interfere with delivery full quantity of land without giving Heinze ground for claim, and he will have undivided his interest in any land received in connection with these two sections. So that the arrangement will be confined to third and fourth sections. Do not quite understand your message, and would like further information after you have read this message."

Coming to the question of the proposed incorporation of the Pacific Coal Company, Sir Thomas stated that it was undertaken as explained at the time, upon the ground that the company might be relieved from depending alone upon the Dominion Coal Company in the East and the Crown's Nest Coal Company in the West. The Dominion government re-

quired a deposit of \$50,000. The investigation for coal in the West and in Cape Breton did not prove successful.

It was not until 1901 that it was decided to deposit the \$50,000 and proceed with incorporation.

He stated that they had never had the least intention at any time of incorporating a company to work coal in these particular blocks referred to in the work of the company. Sir Thomas said that the Pacific Coal Company followed the charter of the Crown's Nest Coal Co. He gave no instructions with respect to the scope of the work.

He again stated that he had, as well as he could remember, mentioned such a company to Mr. Wells in Montreal in 1902. He could not see what object he could have had in doing so.

Mr. McPhillips suggested that Mr. Brown in his official capacity in this province was really a lobbyist.

Sir Thomas said that that was not the term to use. The C. P. R. needed some executive agent in this province, the head offices being so far removed from here.

Mr. McPhillips said he did not mean it in any offensive sense.

Mr. Brown had no power of attorney for the company. He and Mr. Wells had for many years been warm friends.

"Based on mutual respect and esteem?" asked Mr. McPhillips.

"I hope so," replied Sir Thomas.

Referring to Mr. Wells having seen given the right to take back these grants, Mr. McPhillips asked if he regarded Mr. Wells as a man to go into the box and declare what was not true.

"At that time?" asked Sir Thomas.

"Yes at that time," replied Mr. McPhillips.

"If Mr. Wells gave that promise in Montreal he had a good deal of nerve, had he not?" asked Mr. McPhillips.

"That is a question of physiology," replied Sir Thomas.

He said Mr. Wells on the evening of 20th of November, he saw Mr. Wells on the morning of the 21st November. Mr. Wells lunched with him one day. He could not recall what day.

"Did you remember that previous to that you had been handed the memorandum which you had asked Mr. Wells to prepare and that you arranged to meet him and discuss the matter?" asked Mr. McPhillips.

Sir Thomas could not remember that it took place at that time.

Mr. Wells came in on the morning of 21st to get receipt for patents. "I did not learn until quite recently that all the patents had been handed over on the 20th and had remained in the hands of the railroad company, and had been held over night." He thought that the memorandum was handed to him some time on that occasion.

Sir Thomas called attention to the fact that in his letter he had fully gone into the railway policy of the government and paid little attention to the questions referred to by Mr. Wells in the memorandum. He could not remember that the memorandum was a written one or a verbal one.

"With the information which I have now I have no doubt that delivery was effected, inasmuch as the patents were in the hands of the company for 24 hours."

The request that Mr. Wells made for the privilege of retaining these grants was one which he could not very well refuse. The patents were not in his (Sir Thomas's) possession at any time.

He thought Mr. Wells had said that he had these patents in a sealed envelope addressed to him (Sir Thomas). Mr. Wells would have to ask his permission to retain them therefore.

"Did it not strike you as a kind of idiotic action on the part of Mr. Wells?" asked Mr. McPhillips.

Mr. McPhillips might be not just as well leave them in Victoria rather than bring them to Montreal?

Sir Thomas said: "Mr. Wells explained to me his reasons for wishing to retain them."

"Yes, that was a matter of political expediency," said Mr. McPhillips.

"Yes," replied Sir Thomas.

Mr. McPhillips asked he did not think that some reference was made at the first interview of the proposal to build to Spence's Bridge.

Sir Thomas admitted that there might have been such a reference.

Mr. McPhillips pressed that it would not have made any difference if the patents had been delivered to him in the company's office in Montreal or with the Bank of Montreal just as well as "carting" them back to Victoria.

Sir Thomas said he did not know what purpose Mr. Wells intended putting them in retaining them. He had told Mr. Brown that Mr. Wells had promised to return the patents inside of 30 days, before the cancellation order. He had himself probably forgotten it.

He thought he remembered with Mr. Wells with respect to the cancelling of the grants, when he was in this city last year. He saw Col. Prior, he thought.

He remembered Mr. Wells suggested the assistance of Mr. Greenshield on the first evening of their interview. Mr. Wells said that some doubt had been expressed as to the government's right to grant them. Mr. Wells suggested getting the opinion of Mr. Greenshield.

After the cancellation order he did not keep in touch with Mr. Brown as to land matters. He considered it was they a question for decision in the courts.

The decision actions were taken not so much to trouble the parties located on these blocks as to enter an action before the legislature took any action debarring them from their rights.

Asked as to whether any application had been made to the Dominion government for disallowance of the act of this year, Sir Thomas said he did not know that anything had been done.

E. P. Davis objected that this had nothing to do with the investigation.

Sir Thomas later stated that he had no doubt when the proper time came that some such action would be taken if in the meantime the province of British Columbia did not see its duty and right matters.

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THE STORY OF THE "HOT" EXECUTIVE

MR. BROWN'S REPORT TO C. P. R. PRESIDENT

How He Bearded the Ministers and Some of the Interesting Remarks They Made.

The following is the report made by Geo. McL. Brown to Sir Thomas Shaughnessy of his famous interview with the executive on March 24th, 1902, for the purpose of discussing the government's new proposal for the settlement of the Columbia & Western and the purpose of recommending the government's reasons for wishing to set aside the settlement already made. There were present the Premier, the Attorney-General, Chief Commissioner, Minister of Finance, Acting Provincial Secretary, Minister of Mines and Geo. McL. Brown.

Brown-I opened the meeting by thanking the Premier for the opportunity of placing before the cabinet the company's position in connection with the government's new proposal for the settlement of the Columbia & Western railway, as conveyed to me verbally on 19th inst. by Mr. Wells, and in writing from him under date of March 21st, in reply to my letter of inquiry of 10th inst. I then explained to the cabinet how on the 15th inst. on my return to Victoria I had called on Mr. Wells, had seen him for a moment in his outer office, when he informed me that Mr. Gore, Deputy Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, wished to see me, that I immediately called on Mr. Gore, who informed me that on the previous day the government had cancelled the terms of the settlement of the Columbia & Western railway, as conveyed to me verbally on 19th inst. by Mr. Wells, and in writing from him under date of March 21st, in reply to my letter of inquiry of 10th inst. 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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria
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Victoria, May 20.—5 a.m.—The barometer
has fallen over the Pacific slope, it is still
highest on the Coast and lowest over the
Rockies. The weather remains cool, and
showers have occurred on the Lower Main-
land and the coast of Vancouver Island
and Washington. East of the Rockies rain
or melting snow has again been general
from Calgary to Winnipeg.

Forecasts.

For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Thursday.
Victoria and vicinity—Moderate to fresh
winds, generally fair, not much change in
temperature.
Lower Mainland—Light to moderate
winds, mostly cloudy and cool, with occa-
sional showers.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.85; temperature,
44; minimum, 44; wind, 12 miles W.;
weather, cloudy.
New Westminster—Barometer, 29.82;
temperature, 42; minimum, 42; wind, 6
miles E.; rain, .02; weather, cloudy.
Kamloops—Barometer, 29.92; tempera-
ture, 48; minimum, 46; wind, 5 miles S.;
weather, cloudy.
Hartford—Barometer, 29.79; tempera-
ture, 30; minimum, 28; wind, calm; weather,
clear.
San Francisco—Barometer, 29.80; tempera-
ture, 40; minimum, 40; wind, 14 miles
W.; weather, clear.
Edmonton—Barometer, 29.64; tempera-
ture, 30; minimum, 20; wind, calm; weather,
clear, cloudy.

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R. T. Elliott, W. A. Dier, C. E. Ely, G. Fair-
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ham, R. Stewart, C. Rand, N. S. Levin,
Thos. King, C. Abbott and wife, Mrs. Spratt,
Mrs. Denel, Miss Howard, Miss Mies, Mrs.
Edwards, J. Buchanan, J. C. Daily, E. Covert,
J. W. Griffin and wife, Miss Lane, Mrs.
Smith, B. Turner and wife, Miss Turner,
Dr. Kline, W. Simonds, Jas. Goldell, Capt.
Jno. Roberts and son, R. N. Keller, B. Jolly,
Jno. Montague and wife, A. Stewart, R. N.
Scott, B. Lewis, J. Matis, H. E. Daniels and
wife, W. P. Babcock, Mrs. Douglas Ker and
daughter, Miss Engel, P. Frye and wife,
O. D. Sayre and wife, Miss Kibbie, Chas. B.
Read and wife, Master Read, E. McMillan
and wife, Jos. Sloan and wife.

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THE EXAMINATION OF SIR THOMAS

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Says Crown Grants Were Allowed to Be
Retained for Political Purposes
Only.

The cross-examination of President
Slaughterey, of the C. P. R., occupied
all yesterday afternoon's sitting of the
committee inquiring into the Columbia
& Western subsidy matter. Sir Thomas
gave his evidence in a very straightfor-
ward manner. The evidence of clever
business dealings with companies having
transactions with the C. P. R. was
brought out incidentally.

In reply to Mr. Duff, Sir Thomas said
in the early part 1897 he thought the C.
P. R. acquired the entire stock of the B.
C. Southern Railway Company. The ar-
rangement entered into was that the
stock was to be acquired, and that a
specified amount was to be paid in cash
and that the coal company should receive
a portion of the lands received for con-
struction of the line. The coal company
was to receive all land with the excep-
tion of six sections in reserve No. 1,
which amounted to 230,000 acres.

Subsequently this was altered when the
Dominion government insisted upon land
being turned over to them. It was ar-
ranged then that the 50,000 acres for the
Dominion government should be se-
lected by the government from reserve
No. 1. In reserve No. 2 the coal com-
pany was to get right to select 10,000
acres of coal and oil lands first of all.
There was a further term that the coal
company should proceed at once to open
up coal mines and provide an adequate
quantity of coal and coke to the railroad
company. The parties to the arrangement
were the B. C. Southern, the Crow's
Nest Coal Company, and Dominion of
Canada. The B. C. Southern had not
at that time acquired the lands. These
lands when acquired were subject to the
arrangement with the Crow's Nest Coal
Company at least block 4,503.

In December, 1900, Brown telegraphed:
"Modified B. C. Southern arrangement
settled by government today."
During 1900 the company was preparing
for a settlement. He knew Mr. Brown
was pressing for blocks 4,503 and 4,504
being given the B. C. S. for deficiency
block B. He remembered the government
finally refused this. Brown ad-
vised him that 4,504 block might be
given instead of block A, but the govern-
ment gave them deficiency blocks A
and B instead.

On September 10th Brown wired mat-
ter closed, and that he would go east to
Montreal. Witness couldn't say whether
Brown came east or not. The fact that
an order-in-council was passed in Decem-
ber, 1900, had escaped his attention till
yesterday.

Mr. Brown was no doubt trying to
make the best arrangement he could, and
was proceeding along his own line. He
(Sir Thomas) did not follow them per-
sonally.

Sir Thomas did not know what corre-
spondence was kept at Vancouver. Mr.
Brown's correspondence was very irregu-
lar. He seemed to prefer to confer per-
sonally by coming to Montreal rather
than by correspondence. Mr. Brown
was given a very free hand in this.

If section A had passed to the B. C.
Southern, the coal company would have
had the right to select 10,000 acres. He
was not clear as to the right of his com-
pany to work coal lands for ten years.
Mr. Duff asked Sir Thomas as to the
claim which the Crow's Nest Coal Com-
pany had upon the land if the lands passed to
the Columbia & Western?

In reply Sir Thomas said that immedi-
ately after the grant was made he had
discussed the matter with Mr. Creelman.
The latter came to the conclusion that
the coal company had no legal right to
the lands if it came to Columbia &
Western. As to moral rights Sir Thomas
came to the conclusion that both com-
panies being a part of the C. P. R., that
therefore the coal company should have
the same rights, as it would have under
the B. C. Southern. He informed mem-
bers of the coal company that the agree-
ment would be observed, and that they
would get the land.

In 1890, when he came out to British
Columbia, he had a feeling from discus-
sion going on that the government had
a disposition to withhold lands in that
section on account of the rich areas which
had gone to the Crow's Nest Coal Com-
pany.

Mr. Duff wanted to know if
the legality of claims of the Crow's Nest
Coal Company came up. He proposed that
probably there might be moral obliga-
tions on both sides which the railroad
company might use against the coal com-
pany.

Sir Thomas said that as a matter of
fact the Crow's Nest Coal Company had
not been fulfilling its obligations in the
way of supplying coal and coke, and they
might have the advantage of using this
to work redress.

Mr. Duff, referring to benevolent in-
tentions, Sir Thomas objected and said
they never had benevolent intentions, it
was moral obligations.

The desire was to obtain the lands un-
der the company which had earned them.
If they could not get them in that way,
or through any reason on the part of the
government, they desired them in some
other way. He had no intimation that
the lands had passed to the B. C.
Southern.

Mr. Duff pressed that this was surely
an act of great negligence on the part of
Mr. Brown.

"Possibly," replied Sir Thomas.

"Well, but really, was it not?" said

Mr. Duff. "Yes it was," replied Sir

Thomas. He could not remember when

negotiations first opened for granting

lands to the Columbia & Western

railroad.

These blocks were supposed to have

oil. They were richer than the moun-

tain tops contiguous to the railroad line.

Mr. Brown's duty was to get these lands

if possible. He did not know where the

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suggestion came from, whether from the
government or from Mr. Brown.

Mr. Brown was getting valuable lands
away from the line of railway. In get-
ting these legally a precedent was being
established which would be of service
to the company. There was a difficulty
in the way inasmuch as the area was
less than the company was entitled to.
In taking over the line from Mr. Heinze
there was an arrangement by which he
was to share half and half in any land
grants. In taking a smaller area a diffi-
culty arose. This applied only to sec-
tions 1 and 2.

Mr. Duff wanted to know if they were
not agreeable to taking poorer land along
the line for sections 1 and 2, which was
to be divided with Mr. Heinze.

Sir Thomas said this was not correct.
The lands along the line of sections 1
and 2, from Castlegar to Trail, was re-
garded as much more valuable than that
further west. He had telegraphed Mr.
Brown not to consent to a reduction of
land area, for which Mr. Heinze had an
equal claim.

Mr. Duff wanted to know why these
lands in Southeast Kootenay were not
taken as part of the subsidy for section
1, in which Mr. Heinze was interested.

"Evidently because Mr. Brown was not
attending to Mr. Heinze's business," re-
plied Sir Thomas.

Sir Thomas thought these lands were
nothing but what the company was en-
titled to, because they had by changes of
government been kept out of them for a
long time. He did not wish to express
an opinion with reference to whether the
suggestion came from the government or
the railroad company.

Asked as to an interview with the
Turner government in June, 1898, Sir
Thomas said that he never went to Vi-
ctoria to confer with the government. He
remembered meeting members of the gov-
ernment when here. Mr. Turner and
other members were anxious to get a line
from the coast to Pentiction. They had
some kind of an offer from Mackenzie &
Munn to build the Midway if his com-
pany would forego its right to build from
Pentiction to Midway. He agreed to this.
He told Mr. Brown that in view of the
fact that his company had withdrawn to
allow of Mackenzie & Munn building
from the coast, that therefore the com-
pany would be relieved of its obligation
to build sections 5 and 6 before getting a
subsidy for section 4.

Shown the draft agreement of 8th July,
1898, Sir Thomas recollected that it was
prepared for the purpose of altering the
land subsidy for section 4 to a cash sub-
sidy.

If a definite arrangement was arrived
at with respect to giving up the right to
build sections 5 and 6, it would have been
committed to writing.

He thought that in the recital to bill
87 of 1902 the government was justified
in saying that his company had aban-
doned its right to build sections 5 and 6.
He would not have felt that the com-
pany was justified in approaching the
government for relief under bill 87 upon
the grounds of an agreement recited to
have been entered into.

He was in Victoria in June last, after
the cancellation of the grants. He had
a conversation with Mr. Wells. He ex-
pected he protested against the grants
being cancelled. He supposed Mr. Wells
expressed the usual excuse that there
was trouble in getting it through the
House. He was anxious to get the mat-
ter closed up. He then had the idea that
the province would do its duty to the
company. He regarded at that time that
these lands should go to the company in
consideration of building section 4.

His impression of bill 87 was that the
company had the right to select lands in
Yale or Kootenay, and that these blocks
might be selected provided they were at
the disposal of the government.

The grants were already made to them
for this land. They had never held them
the lands had passed from them at any
time until the act of repudiation of this
session. They were prepared to enter the
courts at any time and test the validity
of their claim.

He did not know of bill 87. He knew
that a bill was introduced to give them
the lands for the building of section 4.
He never for one moment understood that
it was intended for any other purpose
than to give them the subsidy for sec-
tion 4 in view of not building section 4.
He never understood that it was for the
purpose of getting these blocks for sec-
tion 4.

The object of acquiring the lands was
to open coal mines on Lodgepole Creek.
They intended, however, to dispose of the
timber lands and sell the arable lands in
the valleys. In the southeastern block
Mr. Henetta was prospecting for them

in that district, and reported to them of
the presence of coal.

They parted with the land to the
Crow's Nest Coal Company because they
did not regard it as nearly so valuable as
if afterwards appeared to be.

The principal men who composed the
company then were Senator Cox, Robt.
Jaffray, Col. Prior, Mr. Hanson and Col.
Baker.

"A large subsidy had been paid for the
building of that road?" asked Mr. Duff.

"Yes, I wish it had never been given,"
replied Sir Thomas.

Questioned as to the means of working
these coal mines, Sir Thomas said that
there was no need of forming a sub-
sidy company. The land department
of the railway could handle the blocks.

He had proposed the formation some
years ago of the Pacific Coal Company to
go outside of the present lands and
purchase coal measures to be worked.

The company was to be composed of
members of the C. P. R.

Mr. Duff thought that perhaps this was
what he had referred to in speaking to
Mr. Wells.

Sir Thomas said he had never referred
to the formation of a coal company which
would have meant the alienation of one
acre of the lands in Southeast Kootenay.
That could not have been what he re-
ferred to in speaking to Mr. Wells.

No proposal was made to form a com-
pany to work these lands. He had heard
a little gossip of some such thing, to
which he paid little attention. He might
have heard of it in June last, but could
not remember of any one speaking to
him about it. He did not remember of
this conversation between Messrs. Taylor
and Wells in Montreal when he was in
Victoria last June.

Asked as to whether Col. Prior had not
mentioned it to him, Sir Thomas said he
could not remember of it. Col. Prior
never brought the matter before him in
that way he was sure. He thought that
Mr. Brown was in one of his tele-
grams mentioned that a report was in
circulation that undue influence had been
used in connection with the transaction.
The gossip did not impress him, and he
paid no attention to it. He made no ex-
planation when he came here, and he did
not ask for any. No course was made;
if it had been it would have altered the
matter.

Mr. Duff called attention to its being
urged as a reason for the govern-
ment cancelling the grants.

"No I do not think it came to me in
that way," replied Sir Thomas.

"Mr. Dunsinuir urged it as the reason?"
asked Mr. Duff. "No, not as I
understand it," replied witness.

The copy of the report of Mr. Brown
to his chief was here produced.

In reply to Mr. Helmecken, Sir Thomas
said that he understood that it was pro-
posed by Mr. Brown from memory of
what took place at the meeting.

Mr. Wells, Sir Thomas explained, took
the ground that it was a question of
political expediency when he failed to
stand over the grants. The Chief Com-
missioner said that he regretted that this
was necessary. He never at any time
either before or after that date, urged
any other reason for it. Last fall he in-
formed Mr. Wells that taking the advice
of Mr. Creelman and others the company
had come to the conclusion that the lands
were vested in their company, and they
intended to stand by it. Mr. Wells said
that if that could be established the
grants would be restored. He understood
the Chief Commissioner to mean not an
appeal to the courts, but that if they got
legal opinion to satisfy them to that effect
that the grants would be delivered.

Mr. Wells's excuse for taking the
grants back with him was that there
were vacancies in the cabinet. He said it
might be convenient to be able to say
that these lands had not passed to the
company, and promised that at any rate
the grants would be returned inside of
thirty days. Sir Thomas said he did not
wish to embarrass the government, and
was agreeable to his taking the grants
back. He did not think Mr. Wells had
that much a statement to the effect that
the grants had not passed would not have
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"I would be sorry to think that Mr.
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The witness said: "You have made a
little speech, I must explain." He pro-
ceeded to say it should be taken into ac-
count that these grants should in the na-
tural order have been delivered to the
company at either Victoria, Vancouver
or Montreal. For reasons which he did
not know, the government took the
course of putting these patents in the
hands of one of its members to deliver
to him. This minister asking to keep
them for a few days was a courtesy he
could hardly refuse. The information
which he gave during the time the
grants were in his possession and any
statements he might make could not
surely be attributed to his company.
They were not concerned in that.

Mr. Duff asked if after thirty days he
had communicated with Mr. Wells about
these.

Sir Thomas replied that the matter
probably passed out of his memory, and
he paid little attention to it. Mr. Brown
afterwards told him that he was press-
ing for them, and Mr. Wells was putting
him off. He presumed that it was prob-
ably a question of political expediency.
He had no way of forcing them to act.

"Do you not know something of British
Columbia politics? Did you not know
that the government was in a very un-
stable position at the time?" asked Mr.
Duff.

"I know it is a disease," replied Sir
Thomas. He never told Mr. Wells that
rather than embarrass his government the
grants might be retained. Mr.
Wells's memory must have been faulty
in that regard.

Witness had no intimation that a can-
cellation act was to be passed when he
informed Brown that the matter should
not be communicated to the government
until after the session was over.

When the Spence's Bridge was pro-
posed to him he at once refused to en-
ertain it. He told Mr. Wells of the
evil of the government policy in subsidiz-
ing all kinds of lines. He remembered
he mentioned the Coast-Kootenay pro-
posal, and pointed out that if the com-
pany built to Spence's Bridge that the
next thing they would find would be a
Coast-Kootenay line subsidized.

His conversation about patents was on
the afternoon of November 20th. On
November 21st he talked of the railway
policy with Mr. Wells.

Shown the memorandum submitted by
Mr. Wells regarding the Spence's Bridge
extension, Sir Thomas said that he
would have to accept it if Mr. Wells said
it was a copy of the original. He could
not remember it, however. He was very
sure that on the first day of these inter-
views there was no mention of the rail-
road extension, and on the second day
there was no mention whatever of the
patents.

The question of whether the govern-
ment had the right to select these lands
was discussed while Mr. Creelman was
present. The latter was very definite in
favor of the government having the right
of selection. Mr. Wells said that doubts
had been expressed. He did not say that
he had doubts himself, but only that such
had been expressed.

Mr. Duff called the attention of wit-
ness to the references in the report sent
him by Mr. Brown, in which the mutual
friendship of the Chief Commissioner and
the C. P. R. was alluded to. Mr. Duff
asked for an explanation of what this
meant.

Sir Thomas replied that Mr. Wells was
under no obligation to the railway com-
pany, and the company under none to

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pair.

Sir Thomas replied that he did not so
state. He added in reply to Mr. Duff
that such a statement to the effect that
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The TIMES is also on sale at the following places:

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Kamloops-South Bros.
Dawson & White Horse-Bennett News Co.
Hawland-M. W. Simpson.
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HOTELS AND OTHER "WORKS."

Upon certain specified conditions the Canadian Pacific Railway Company is willing to erect in Victoria a hotel which will cost three hundred thousand dollars. This announcement is interesting because of the past and present relations of the city with the railway company. It is claimed by many of our merchants that almost eternal vigilance on their part has been necessary in order to preserve their business connections in various parts of the province, and that that watchfulness was caused by the hostile attitude of the C. P. R. officials, assumedly acting with the consent of the higher powers. There have been numerous protests against such an assumption, of course, but the utterances of high authorities in the past and facts brought out from time to time have tended to strengthen the belief that the feelings of the company have been the reverse of friendly to the interests of the city of Victoria.

All things considered, possibly the state of mind of all concerned in this matter is not natural. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company decided to establish a terminus and build an entirely new city in British Columbia. The credit of the company was in a measure pledged in that undertaking. The greater the measure of the success attained the more money and shekels would accrue to the company. All the officials of the road entered with enthusiasm into the project and all their energies were bent to the work of building up Vancouver. Considering the nature of the task to which they had set themselves, they could scarcely be expected to regard very carefully the interests of a place which was in a measure a business rival of the new town. In any event, it has been charged that Victoria is constantly discriminated against in the transportation arrangements of the C. P. R. At a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce last night the grievance was under consideration and arrangements were suggested with the object of counteracting this sinister influence. It will be claimed in this instance, as it has often been claimed in the past, in reply to such allegations, that the C. P. R. is a business institution, and that all its operations are conducted on business principles. But the history of the company in its relations with other cities, towns and townships of the Dominion proves that it has more than once been guilty of such discriminations as indicate that it is managed by men who are very human. It will be fair when it is forced to be. The shippers of Victoria are not absolutely in the power of any railway company. The waters of the coast are free and connections with other lines are good. Our merchants have it in their power to exact fair and equitable treatment if they but act in concert. We are pleased to see there is an organization in the city imbued with sufficient courage not only to speak of this matter, but to propose to act upon it. The time would seem to be opportune, now that the chief officials of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, under influences which we cannot comprehend, are disposed to be reasonable.

As to the hotel scheme, we are not inclined to throw up our hats and shout until the facts have been fully set forth. It would be a splendid thing for Victoria if a hotel were erected on the old mud flats at a cost of three hundred thousand dollars. One of the most unsightly parts of the city would be converted into a beautiful square, and such surroundings would be out of harmony with the artistic works in the neighborhood could be reduced to order. But there are many features in connection with the scheme that will require the deepest consideration of the ratepayers of the city. It might be possible to pay too much even for visible evidence of the interest of the C. P. R. in Victoria. The also asked for is worth a great deal of money. The privileges requested are also of considerable value. There are already some good hotels in Victoria, in which capital is invested. Their interests must not be altogether

CARNEGIE AND CANADA.

The utterances of Andrew Carnegie are under discussion in all parts of Canada at present. Without intending to be the millionaire has contrived to be exceedingly offensive to the sensibilities of the patriotic people of this country. Mr. Carnegie knows nothing about the feelings, sentiments or ideals of Canadians. Standing upon a pinnacle of his mighty pile of dollars, he surveys what he believes to be the situation and proceeds to express his opinion as an assumedly hard-headed, clear-sighted business man. Canada has not progressed as rapidly in the past as the United States, therefore Mr. Carnegie assumes that she can have no future apart from the republic. He fails to see that our time has come and that from now on our development is likely to be as rapid as was that of the United States in the early stages of the history of that country, if not very much more so, as we have a population of eighty millions of people to the south of us whose surplus will continue to pour over our borders for generations and vastly accelerate the rate of multiplication. The United States had to draw practically all of its immigrants from Europe. It is still making heavy draughts on that continent, and the raw levies with their inferior standards of living are driving the more desirable elements northward into Canada, where practically free homesteads and absolute independence await the industrious, energetic and courageous.

Mr. Carnegie either does not understand these things, he deliberately shuts his eyes to them, or our prospects are obscured by a vision of what the millionaire may "term" greater possibilities. Hard-headed, narrow and dogmatic though the Scottish-American millionaire may be, it appears he does not lack imagination. It is not that he wishes Canada ill or lacks faith in her resources. Mr. Carnegie dons the mantle of the prophet occasionally in order that he may issue forecasts which he believes to be in the interests of the English-speaking races of the world. He believes in Anglo-Saxon federation, and in order to comprehend his position we must make allowance for that fact. We believe, he has a considerable number of disciples in Great Britain, a few in the United States, and perhaps one in Canada. His propaganda is not spreading rapidly. However, Andrew is not doing much harm. A man who has been busy all his days, has accumulated greater wealth than he quite knows what to do with, and has laid down the burdens and cares of business, must find something to occupy his mind and his energies or he would go to pieces physically. Nor can he be blamed for having a great admiration for the United States. That country has done a great deal for him. The tariff was a more important factor in the creation of his wealth than the abundant natural resources of the land or the inherited energy of his character. The millionaire's castle in the air is a magnificent structure, one which makes poor old Skibo, the "ancient ancestral seat," look very insignificant indeed. Mr. Carnegie frowns upon the pretensions of Canada because he assumes that her aspirations stand in the way of the realization of his great ideal, the political union of Great Britain and the United States. The ironmaster explains this himself in a telegram to the Mayor of Sydney, sent in extenuation of his remarks as to the prospects of the Canadian iron industry. His dispatch reads:

"London, May 15.—To the Mayor, Sydney. I am very sorry that a few defamed words should have given offence. The word 'mixture' was used in replying to the question as to whether Sydney's operations menaced the United States' lead in steel production. I had no reference in my remarks to your patriotic efforts to develop your resources, in which I wish you abundant success. "My wish is to restore the union of North America and Great Britain instead of maintaining two separate divisions. We would then rule the world in peace. " (Signed) RICHARDSON."

The Mayor sent the following reply: "Andrew Carnegie, Skibo Castle. Your explanation is satisfactory. Canada is a young nation, but is impressing the world. Sydney's future is bright beyond peradventure. " (Signed)

The Vancouver World is no doubt very fast, but it is not quite so swift in collecting news as it imagines itself to be. The habit of puffing about imaginary achievements has become too common in the strenuous atmosphere of newspaperdom in the Terminal City. The World says: "Fully three months ago the World gave detailed particulars of the serious trouble Charley Ross, the Canadian scout, has got himself into in South Africa. Last Saturday the same story, retold, was given special prominence in the Victoria Daily Times, which serves to illustrate two things: It takes Victoria some time to catch up with the parade; and 'The World' prints all the news as it occurs." The trouble into which Charley Ross, the Canadian scout, "got himself," was published in the Times also "fully three months" ago. The story which appeared last Saturday was a description of the personality and a sketch of the career of Ross, taken from the Toronto News. If the staff of the World were not so "swift," perhaps they might spare time to verify their statements before printing them.

Vancouver is still disturbed about the unaccountable reluctance of judges of the Supreme Court to reside there. One week is about the limit of judicial endurance of the Terminal City's climatic and social charms. The Province playfully or sarcastically suggests that it must be the peacefulness and restfulness of the atmosphere in Victoria that prejudices the Supreme Court judges in favor of the place. Our contemporary says: "It might be well when the necessity for another appointment arrives for the government to summon the individual whom it has selected for the honor to Ottawa and obtain from his assurances given under his hand and seal that he would make Vancouver his home. It is more than likely then that he would consider himself obliged to fulfill his agreement." How would it do to keep him under perpetual injunction not to come down to Victoria? If he escaped he would never go back.

Victorians may at least regard Sir Thomas Shaughnessy's hotel proposition as an indication that the idea of a former head of the C. P. R. with regard to this city has been abandoned. Crops of hay are not to be cultivated on our streets. The cultivation of tourist traffic may be more profitable.

BRITAIN'S FISCAL SYSTEM.

Careful Consideration Necessarily Before Changes Are Made—Colonial Representation.

London, May 18.—In a speech at Burnley, Lancashire, tonight, Lord Rosebery, referring to Mr. Chamberlain's speech at Birmingham, stated that the colonial secretary had made an appeal for trade reciprocity with the British Empire, and he said that before the tariffs were changed, the colonies ought to be represented in the government of the country, and that he did not think that the idea was so impracticable as it was at times considered. He did not regard free trade as a part of the "sermon on the mount," but the question arose whether it would be wise, without long and deep consideration, to change the fiscal system under which Great Britain had achieved her commercial success. "We must consider," continued Lord Rosebery, "whether it would be judicious to quarrel with customers who give us two-thirds and possibly three-quarters of our trade in order to oblige customers who give us a quarter or a third of it. In any case, a conference between British and colonial financial experts should precede any alteration in the British fiscal system."

Lord Rosebery dealt with Colonial Secretary Chamberlain's scheme in a very judicial manner, being careful neither to approve nor condemn it, but on the whole showing that he had no great sympathy with it. He said that he would not reject any scheme for really cementing or uniting the Empire, and it might be possible that its advantages would counterbalance the disadvantages, but he pointed out that Great Britain already bore the cost of the defence of the Empire, and therefore she could not be accused of doing nothing for the colonies. It might be inadvisable even for the benefit of her colonies for Great Britain to quarrel with customers who had enabled her to accumulate wealth which enabled her to bear that heavy tariff burden. Then looking to the likelihood of the discontented colonies constantly insisting on modifications in the tariff, Lord Rosebery said he thought it would not add to the harmony of the relations between the colonies and the Mother Country to have these shifting tariffs between, and he pleaded for the most careful consideration of all sides of the question before any fiscal change was made.

FIGHT WITH SOMALIS.

Three Hundred Killed and Wounded by Force of Abyssinians.

(Associated Press.) London, May 19.—An official war office dispatch from Aden, Arabia, under today's date, gives details of the desperate encounter which took place at Bur-rill, Somaliland, on May 4th, between an Abyssinian force, operating in conjunction with the British against the Mad Mullah, and a large force of the latter's Dervishes.

After a hand to hand fight, lasting 45 minutes, the Dervishes were driven off with the loss of three hundred killed and wounded. The Abyssinians had 25 men killed and 10 wounded. Subsequently the Abyssinians retired to the wells northwest of Burrill and captured several prisoners. The latter said the Mad Mullah was at Ubertake.

FOR NOME.

Steamer Portland Sailed From Seattle Yesterday With Passengers.

(Associated Press.) Seattle, May 19.—The steamer Portland put to sea yesterday for Nome, being the first boat of the season to carry passengers north.

VANCOUVER NOTES.

A young Jap named Yuchida committed suicide at Stover's by shooting. The reason for the rash act is unknown, as before retiring he appeared in perfect health, and had spent the evening with his father and mother and other members of the family in a social reunion. Dr. Greer, the local coroner, decided that an inquest was not necessary.

The city council is endeavoring to have the street car service extended to the cemetery.

The Island Power Company, who have just had reserved by the government a large piece of timber for pulp purposes, principally on the Island, have sold out for a large sum to an English concern. The Oriental Pulp Company, who have in reserve all Princess Royal Island, have also sold to an English company. These English companies are said to have picked a million and a half dollars each to establish industries to work these pulp limits. The directors of the Oriental are Dr. Lefevre, Byron Johnson, Percy Evans and D. Munn, and of the Island Power Company, Farrell & Tregent and Herman & Burrell.

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THE ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

Jubilee Board of Directors Considered Question Last Night—Committee Appointed.

The Jubilee hospital directors last evening discussed at some length the question of taking over the control of the isolation hospital. After some consideration Messrs. Humphrey, Forman and Day were appointed to prepare a plan for the conduct of the institution in the event of the board taking it over. It was also decided to hold another conference with the city council to further consider the subject.

The report of the committee appointed to meet the Women's Auxiliary regarding the proposed maternity ward, expressed the opinion that, if any arrangement could be made with the city relieving them of the cost of constructing a septic tank, the board might favorably consider the advisability of securing the expenditure of the \$5,000 given by Lord Strathcona in the erection of more pay rooms, by carrying out the proposed new plan for the maternity ward, and designating it the Strathcona wing (or ward), as well as the building of the children's ward at the completion of the first mentioned ward. Towards this latter project the ladies had accumulated \$3,250, and their committee felt sure the ladies would undertake to collect the difference between that sum and the cost.

The report was discussed at length, and finally returned to the committee for reconsideration.

The finance committee approved for payment \$1,527.50, and that salaries amounting to \$844 had been paid.

The house committee reported that they had given instructions that all applications for the removal of bodies of deceased patients from the hospital must be accompanied by a written application which would satisfy the resident medical officer, the colonel, and be duly authorized to make such removal. The committee also reported that Turner, Beton & Co. had donated a red cross, 32x16 feet, to the hospital. The report was adopted and Messrs. Turner, Beton & Co. ordered to be thanked.

Dr. Hasell, the resident medical officer, reported the total number of patients admitted during April, 74, number of patients treated, 117; total days' stay, 1,908; daily average of patients, 50. Filed.

The matron reported the receipt of the following donations: Books and magazines, Mrs. H. D. Holmcken; magazines, Mrs. H. Beaver; papers and magazines, Mrs. D. R. Ker. Filed and donors thanked.

Christian Sivertz, secretary of the Trades and Labor Council, acknowledged the receipt of the board's reply to the protest regarding hospital work. The council, he wrote, still took exception to members of the board of directors doing any work for the institution. Filed.

Mrs. Burnett, formerly matron, thanked the board for their gift at the time of her marriage.

There were present at the meeting R. S. Day (in the chair), H. D. Holmcken, Alex. Wilson, E. Bracken, R. Redf, J. Forman, E. A. Lewis, R. L. Drury, F. B. Pemberton, Wm. Humphrey, Dr. Hasell and Secretary Elworthy.

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—Fast steamers for Skagway. Dolphin sails May 19th and 29th; Humboldt sails May 24th. E. E. Blackwood agent.

—Cheap excursion rates to Seattle. May 22nd and 23rd, account President Roosevelt's visit. Only \$2.00 for round trip. Tickets good to return until May 25th on both Majestic and Rosalie.

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—The semi-annual dental examination for certificates entitling their holders to practice in the province is in progress this week. The board of examiners consists of Dr. Galswood, of Vancouver; Dr. Holmes, of New Westminster; and Drs. Hall, Jones and Nash, of this city. The candidates are Messrs. W. F. Fraser, Emmons, W. Moody, H. and R. Pier, and Blackmore. Mr. Fraser recently passed his final examination at the Portland Dental College and the Oregon State Board examination. Previous to attending college he was connected with Dr. Garsche's establishment. Messrs. Roy and Harry Dier and W. Moody graduated from the Philadelphia Dental College.

—In bulletin 13, relating to markets for British Columbia fish and fish products, R. E. Gosnell, of the Bureau of Information, says: "The difficulties of obtaining statistics have been very great, especially in regard to the South American republics. However, it may be accepted as certain that a large market exists there for our fish products, provided always that these can be laid down cheaply enough. With the inhabitants of South America, fish in some form or other is a staple article of diet, much as rolled oats is with us. I have not made any special enquiries into the markets above referred to. However, while in France last year, I ascertained that the prospects of selling canned salmon in France would be greatly enhanced if it were shipped direct, and in order to do this and obtain advantage of the law for the encouragement of French shipping it would be necessary to ship in French bottoms."

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—A meeting of the creditors of Erskine, Wall & Co. will be held in the board of trade building to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock for the purpose of considering tenders for the purchase of the business.

—Last evening a meeting of the Retail Grocers' Association was held, at which it was decided to close all places of business on Victoria Day. Tourist business occupied the greater part of the evening.

—The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Lewis took place yesterday afternoon from the residence, 114 Belleville street, at 2.30 o'clock, and later at St. John's church. Rev. J. R. S. Street conducted the service at the church and grave. There was a large attendance of friends and many handsome floral tributes. The following acted as pallbearers: Captain Gaudin, and Messrs. E. C. Baker, J. A. Graham, A. Munroe, E. E. Wootton and E. Johnson.

—The Fifth Regiment had an interesting lesson in outpost work at Beacon from St. Catherine street were posted from St. Catherine street to the rifle butts, and Major Hibben and six men were to get through the line and locate the camp near the bear pits. The spies got through all right, but failed to locate the camp, which was in charge of Capt. McCannan. The parade state showed a total of 102, divided as follows: Commanding officer and staff, 5; No. 1 Company, 20; No. 2, 20; No. 3, 16; No. 4, 16; No. 5, 12; No. 6, 13. Refreshments were served after the regiment returned to the drill hall.

—The popular Edison theatre is presenting a very strong bill of attractions to its patrons this week. The musical comedy sketch, "The Up-to-Date Woman," delights the large audience. Miss Le Moyne renders a beautiful violin solo. Jas. Harriman, the black-face comedian, is a show in himself. Ed. Cannon, the eccentric extemporaneous dancer and singer, has made a great hit. Harry R. Harrison sings the illustrated song, "In Good Old Fairy Land," and from the applause received it is easily shown how popular he has grown. The long list of comical moving pictures closes the evening's performance.

—James Angus, a well known resident of Victoria, died last evening of heart disease. On Friday last he was taken ill and yesterday morning passed away at his residence, Ellesmere. Deceased was a pioneer of this city, and was widely acquainted and highly esteemed. He was a brother of R. B. Angus, of Montreal, and has a brother, Forrest Angus, residing here. A family of two sons, one living in the employ of a branch of the Bank of Montreal and the other engaged in business in Vancouver, and three daughters, two being unmarried and living at home, and the other, Mrs. B. G. Rogers, wife of the managing owner of the B. C. Sugar Refinery at Vancouver, are left to mourn his loss. Deceased was born at Bathgate, Scotland, and was 70 years of age.

—The Tourist Association held a meeting yesterday afternoon when the question of deciding on a site for the establishment of sea baths was discussed. It was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the city council and association to report at the meeting of the executive next Tuesday. The secretary reported that G. L. Courtney, of the E. & N. railway, had been interviewed and arrangements made for an improved beach—service. The time table will be as follows: Trains leave Victoria at 6 a. m. and 6.30 p. m., arrive at Gorge at 8.50 a. m. and 8 p. m. Arrangements for securing the Victoria Gardens for the summer were also considered. The secretary announced that preparations were being made for inaugurating a lunch service to the Gorge after the 24th of this month.

—Wilfred Clarke, the author of the brilliant farcical comedy, "A Wise Woman," which has been meeting with such unqualified success all over the country this season, it will interest many to know, is the son of the late John Sleeper Clarke, the American comedian, for many years a resident actor-manager in London. It was at his father's theatre in the British metropolis that this comedy which has given him reputation as a successful playwright was originally produced. "A Wise Woman" did 238 nights at the Strand theatre, to capacity business, which is enough in itself to tell the story of success. Mr. Clarke's comedy is being presented in this country by Miss Marie Lamour, formerly of Augustin Daly's company, was originally produced by Frederic Murphy and a strong company and the reliably reported success of the organization is strong enough to arouse the greatest interest in their forthcoming engagement in this city, which occurs at the Victoria theatre on next Friday evening.

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A storm of indignation has swept over the lower Mainland of British Columbia through the notice given in the last issue of the Gazette that a reserve had been placed on a block of land variously estimated in extent at from 500 to 700 square miles, to enable the Island Power Company to select lands therefrom for pulp purposes.

Inquiry about the notice from James Bay disclosed the fact that little general knowledge existed in regard to the matter. Under the statute, the exclusive power of creating these reserves rests with the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, although he doubtless consults with his colleagues of the executive. In the present instance, there seems to have been a misapprehension as to the extent of the lands covered by the reserve. The department of lands and works is under the impression that a tract not exceeding a hundred square miles was embraced in the district which has just been gazetted. This impression was based, it is believed, on the representations made by the promoters, of which Mr. Farrell, of Vancouver, is the principal. When protests began to come in from the loggers, however, it is stated that the clerical staff of the department scaled the lands and discovered that in the aggregate it represented over 700 square miles. This was so far in excess of any area that would have been permitted by the minister, that there is good ground for believing that the next Gazette will contain the cancellation of the offending reserve.

The members, particularly from Vancouver, have been very active in the matter. Messrs. Gordon and Tatlow have been besieging the ministers with protests. Some of the ministers held the view that as pulp woods do not include any of the timber used in lumber operations, and as pre-emptors were protected under the reserve, that no serious objection could be taken. It is also understood they are in favor of providing for the renewal of existing special timber licenses within the area of the reserve. Mr. Gordon explains the matter a few days since, and was full of indignation at finding the new company's posts driven in all the best land for timbering purposes in the districts visited.

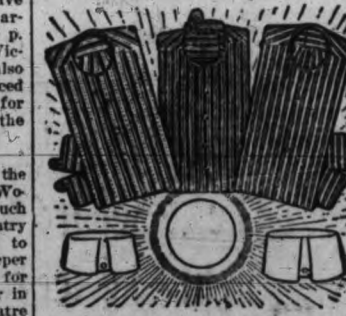
The apparent oversight, in permitting that loggers and lumbermen regard as gross injustice, from which they are exempted, is explained, from a governmental standpoint, by the fact that all the ministers have been so engrossed with the proceedings of the special committee that departmental matters have been left very largely with the deputy heads. However, the assurance is given from authoritative sources that the reserve will be cancelled.

—An interesting and instructive lecture on New Zealand was delivered yesterday afternoon by J. Levy to the pupils of the North Ward school. He referred to the natural history of the country, the different cities and the many curiosities to be collected.

—Commencing Saturday, 23rd inst., reduced rates will be in effect to all stations along the E. & N. railway. The fare to Nanaimo and return is only \$2.25 to Duncan, \$4; Shawinigan Lake, \$2.50; children being carried at half rates. Tickets will be good to return until Monday, on which day a double train service will be operated.

SUNDAY EXCURSION TO CROFTON.

Steamer Iroquois leaves Sidney every Sunday, connecting with the V. T. & S. Ry. train leaving Market Station at 7 a. m. Return steamer leaves Crofton at 3 p. m. arriving Victoria 6.40 p. m. Fare for the round trip, \$1.50.



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ing an opportunity to reach one or the other of the larger cities for a refuge. The board of United States inspectors of steam hulls and boilers, composed of Captains William J. Bryant and C. C. Cherry, has rendered its decision on the collision on May 3rd between the steamship Queen and the Robert Adamson. The decision exonerates Captain Cousins, Pilot Bowcher and all other officers of the Queen from any blame whatever, and attributes the accident to the dense fog.

The steamer W. H. Kruger has cleared from San Francisco for Unalaska, having been chartered by the North American Commercial Company to make a trip to the Seal Islands. She will carry a cargo of supplies for the islanders, and will then return. She will then make a second trip with officials of the company, and on the return then will bring down the sealing catch.

As stomach and light as she was prior to her experience ashore at the entrance to Esquimalt harbor, the sealing schooner Sadie Turpel was floated from the Turpel shipyard this morning, where extensive repairs were effected on her. Steamer Venture, carrying Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Lugin, and the Misses Lugin, left for Alberni this morning on a visit to the mining property there owned by E. B. Shaw.

The five-masted schooner Inca has cleared from Newcastle, Australia, with a large cargo of coal for Nootka direct. This will be the first cargo of the kind to be carried from Newcastle to Nootka. Washington advises report that Oriental trade from the Pacific coast has fallen off by \$6,500,105 during the last eight or ten months, from the record of the corresponding months of last year. A couple of excursions are to be run to Seattle by the Puget Navigation Company during the stay of President Roosevelt to that city. The fare has been placed at \$2 for the round trip.

Tenders for the repair of the dismantled ship Columbia were opened yesterday, and are being considered. Among those who bid for the work is a Seattle firm.

The American steamship Roanok loaded 500 tons of general cargo at Vancouver for Dawson a few days ago, which is to be forwarded via St. Michael, Sixteen bolters, large, medium and small sizes, have arrived at Vancouver from Oswego, New York, en route to Dawson city.

The Chilean barque Curzon has arrived from Iquique with nitrate for the Victoria Chemical Works. Barque Tongate arrived from Honolulu this morning in tow of the American tug. Steamer Senator was a day late in reaching port from San Francisco this morning. The steamship Tartar left Yokohama for this port on the 16th inst.

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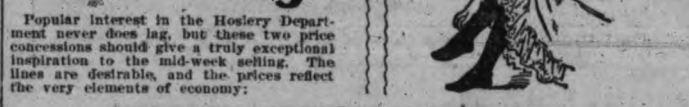
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**COMMITTEE NAMED ON
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Last Night's Meeting in the City Hall
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As a result of the meeting called in the city hall at the instigation of the Trades and Labor Council last night to discuss the advisability of establishing a school for technical education in this city a movement has been set on foot looking to the attainment of the same. The meeting it was hoped would have been largely and representatively attended, but probably owing to the number of other meetings last night comparatively few were present. His Worship the Mayor presided, and briefly explained the objects of the meeting, calling attention to the fact that in France and Switzerland these schools were in vogue. He then called on the different speakers who were to address the meeting. He was in sympathy with the scheme, and saw in the schools institutions where boys now roaming about the streets at night could spend their time profitably. W. J. Bolden, president of the Trades and Labor Council, was the first of the speakers. Space forbids giving his remarks at length. They were deeply interesting and suggestive of a great deal of thought. Technical schools, he pointed out, would enable the young men of this province to take advantage of the mines of British Columbia, would better equip those who spend the winter months in some employment in the city, and who go out to prospect in the summer.

mer. In the building trades he was sorry to say that many were employed as mere machines and that the majority of the most competent mechanics came from Germany, Great Britain and elsewhere where technical schools are provided. The secretary of the Trades and Labor Council had communicated with Hon. J. H. Turner, agent-general of the province in England, and with the secretary of the school board at Toronto, and would be able to convey the information thus derived. The speaker told of two systems adopted for the working of public schools, pointed out that the working classes had no faith in trade schools, and recommended that the system which was in existence in Toronto be adopted here. It was proposed that the scheme should be financed by the government and by the city council.

C. Sivertz, secretary of the Trades and Labor Council, and William McKay, another enthusiastic worker of the same organization, also spoke at some length along the same lines, the latter giving as a rough estimate for the initial necessities of the school the sum of \$1,500.

Mortimer Lamb then introduced a resolution extending the hearty endorsement of the meeting to the scheme along the plan suggested.

Rev. W. Baugh Allan seconded the resolution, and gave some interesting opinions as to what was meant by technical education, not in the learning of a trade, but in the matter of improving knowledge already acquired.

C. H. Lagrin, R. L. Drury, Mr. Shepherd and another former member of a technical school in England also spoke approvingly of technical education. The resolution carried.

Edward Bragg moved the second resolution of the evening. This was that a committee of ten, five representing the meeting and five to be chosen by the

Trades and Labor Council, be appointed to act conjointly in taking steps towards acquiring the sum required for the opening of the school. This resolution also passed unanimously. The committee appointed were Richard Hall, M. P. P., M. Lamb, R. L. Drury, T. Sorby and Mr. Shepherd.

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PHILIP WHITEHEAD, Hintonburg, Ont., writes me the other day:—I have only worn the Belt for about one month, the drains have stopped, that burning sensation has disappeared, I have gained in weight. No money could buy my Belt if I could not get another one.
No man should suffer the loss of that vital element which renders life worth living; no man should allow himself to become less a man than nature intended him; no man should suffer for the sins of his youth.
Most of the pains, most of the weakness of stomach, heart, brain and nerves, from which men suffer, are due to an early loss of Nature's reserve power through mistakes of youth. You need not suffer this. You can be restored. The very element which you have lost you can get back, and you may be as happy as any man that lives.
My Electric Belt, with special Electric Suspensory (free), will restore your power. It will check all the unnatural drains and give back the old vigor of youth.
The drain upon your power causes kidney trouble, rheumatism and stomach ailments. You know it is a loss of vital power, and affects every organ of the body. Most of the ailments from which men suffer can be traced to it.
I have cured thousands of men who have squandered the savings of years in useless doctoring.
My Belt is easy to use; put it on when you go to bed; you feel the glowing heat from it (no stinging or burning as old style belts) and you feel the nerves tingle with new life flowing into them. You get up feeling refreshed, with the vigor of youth returning to you.
I don't ask you to take my unsupported word as to what my Belt will do. Tell me where you live and I will give you the name of a man in your own town I have cured. When your neighbor tells you Dr. McLaughlin's Electric Belt cured him, will you then believe I can cure you?
My Cures Prove the Truth of My Arguments:
NORMAN CARMICHAEL, Carleton Place, Ont.—I now feel far stronger and better than I did before wearing your Belt. I consider that I am completely built up, and feel strong and healthy in every way.
J. H. PATTERSON, Smithville, Ont.—You must excuse me for not writing before, as I have been very busy. I am getting along nicely. The varicocele has disappeared, and the parts are regaining their proper size.
JOHN KELLY, Highland Landing, Ont.—Your Belt has cured me of rheumatism. It is just the thing for this trouble. I was so bad that I could not feed my own stock nor raise my hand to my head. I don't feel anything of this now. Thanking you for your good advice.
WM. J. THOMPSON, Oshawa, Ont.—I have been wearing one of your Belts for about thirty days, and feel more than pleased with it. I do not feel any of the rheumatism now. I am also a great deal stronger and have none of that tired feeling after my day's work is done. Thanking you for your good advice.
HENRY ARMSTRONG, Gainsboro, Ont.—I am happy to say that the losses have stopped completely, and the varicocele has all disappeared. I have just worn the Belt for thirty days.
T. A. McCOMB, Copper Cliff, Ont.—It is now thirty days since I began using your Belt, and I find a great improvement from its use. I sleep soundly every night, something I didn't used to do, and my appetite is very good. I haven't had a loss for over four weeks. Thanking you from the bottom of my heart, and wishing you every prosperity in the future.
READ WITH CARE! Every patient wearing Dr. McLaughlin's Electric Belt receives FREE, until cured, the advice of a physician who understands his case.
FREE BOOK.—If you cannot call, write for my beautiful descriptive book, showing how my Belt is used. It explains how my Belt cures weakness in men and women, and gives prices. Send for it to-day.
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WE PAY DUTY.

THE EXAMINATION
OF SIR THOMAS

(Continued from page 3.)

Mr. Wells. Mr. Wells had always said that he was very friendly to the C. P. R., and witness had been very friendly to Mr. Wells.

"It was purely platonic," said Mr. Duff. Sir Thomas laughingly admitted that it was.

The cross-examination was then continued by Mr. McCaul, and Sir Thomas again outlined the main features of the agreement between the Crow's Nest Coal Company and the B. C. Southern. Mr. McCaul having been absent when his evidence in chief was given.

Mr. McCaul asked if the B. C. Southern had not agreed not to open any coal mines for a period of ten years. Sir Thomas replied that there was such an agreement. If the B. C. Southern acquired these lands, they could not think the C. P. R. could under the terms of the agreement have carried on coal mining on these lands unless it was established that the Crow's Nest Coal Company had failed to carry out its obligations. He did not think that a subsidiary company could be formed to operate these.

Asked by Mr. McCaul if another company could not have been formed to acquire these lands and operate coal mines, Sir Thomas replied that he thought this was a legal question which he preferred should be answered by Mr. Creelman.

Mr. McCaul asked if he did not know of a company which was independent of the Crow's Nest Coal Company, and was closely identified with the C. P. R. which could do this.

Sir Thomas said that he certainly knew of a company composed of directors of C. P. R. directors founded in 1899 or 1900 to operate coal measures. Witnesses could not recollect that he ever had a conversation with Mr. Wells in 1901 in which Mr. Creelman was called in and the agreement with the Crow's Nest Coal Company produced.

Mr. McCaul called the attention of Sir Thomas to the fact that on August 10th, 1901, these lands passed to the Columbia & Western; that on the 5th September, 1901, a company known as the Pacific Coal Company was incorporated for the purpose of carrying on coal mining and oil prospecting. Reading from the Canada Gazette he showed that the company was composed of C. P. R. directors.

Sir Thomas, in explanation, said that this company was formed not for the purpose of working these lands in Southern Kootenay, but they had in view the development of properties more especially in Eastern Canada.

The committee then adjourned until this morning.

The following are copies of the telegrams referred to in Sir Thomas's statement yesterday afternoon:

Vancouver, Sept. 6th, 1901.

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, Montreal:
Am not yet officially advised about order-in-council providing immediate preparation B. C. Southern grants and Columbia & Western grants to and including third section approved by government yesterday. Instructions (informers) prospect grants have been issued.

G. M. L. BROWN.

Victoria, Sept. 11th, 1901.

T. G. Shaughnessy, Montreal:

In response to my letter of 31st July, asking early settlement Columbia & Western land subsidy, first and third sections, received yesterday from Chief Commissioner copy of order-in-council setting out settlement determined by government. Order provides for immediate preparation of grants. Particulars by mail unless you wish them wired.

GEO. M. L. BROWN.

Victoria, 11th Sept., 1901.

T. G. Shaughnessy, Montreal:
Received to-day from Chief Commissioner copy order-in-council regarding former order-in-council and setting out final settlement B. C. S. land subsidy as determined by government. It is same as that of order in secretary's office, except that most northerly deficiency block made smaller. This settlement provides full acreage, former arrangement gave some thing in excess. Order provides immediate preparation grant. Will be out of town until to-morrow evening.

GEO. M. L. BROWN.

Vancouver, 15th Sept., 1901.

T. G. Shaughnessy, Montreal:
Certified copy order-in-council and maps of Columbia & Western settlement, determined by the government will be delayed as I am making copies for the late. Columbia & Western settlement, first section exhausts all the alternate even-numbered blocks from 2 to 24 inclusive, deficiency for that section being made up of two additional blocks, one six by six miles and the other six by sixteen miles. Settlement for third section exhausts balance even-numbered blocks to twentieth, leaving deficiency which government says shall be made up of two blocks, one the southeast corner of province, the other lying west of Elk river, bounded on west by eastern boundary of B. C. Southern, block 2.

GEO. M. L. BROWN.

Victoria, March 22nd, 1902.

T. G. Shaughnessy, Montreal:
Personal: Columbia & Western grant to block, East Kootenay, cancelled without notice. Wells and other ministers explain political expediency, and now propose company accept alternate government blocks along line in settlement third section, that grant will issue at company's request, promise introduction of bill to restate subsidy fourth section. Wells promises East Kootenay block settlement fourth section. Doubt sincerity. Am making formal written protest and stating dissent on this proposal without prejudice company's right, insist on settlement already reached. Have done so ministers separately, and meet cabinet Monday, as Premier ill to-day. If any suggestion or instructions please wire.

GEO. M. L. BROWN.

Montreal, 24th March, 1902.

GEO. M. L. BROWN, Vancouver:
Understand from your message that government have cancelled order-in-council granting parcels of land in Southeast Kootenay.

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Have you a bad taste in your mouth?
Have you a sensation of fullness after eating?
Do you have heartburn?
Do you belch gas or wind?
Do you have excessive thirst?
Do you notice black specks before the eyes?
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Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, the 26th day of May, 1903, at the City Pound, situate on Chambers street, at 12 o'clock noon, I shall sell by Public Auction the following animal, viz., one small chestnut horse, two shagbark ponies, and one small black and white dog, and the pound charges paid at or before the time of sale.

F. CURRAN,
Pound Keeper.
Victoria, B. C., May 18th, 1903.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE, OTTAWA.

Sealed tenders (in duplicate) for the supply of Coal and Fuel Wood required to heat the Military Buildings at Victoria, B. C., for the 12 months commencing on 1st July, 1903, will be received up to Wednesday, 2nd June next, at the office of the Honorable the Minister of Militia and Defence, Ottawa. Each tender is to be marked "Tender for Fuel," and addressed to the Honorable the Minister of Militia and Defence, Ottawa.

Printed forms of tender containing full particulars may be obtained from the undersigned at Ottawa, or at the Office of the District Officer Commanding who will furnish any necessary information if applied to for the same.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque, payable to the order of the Honorable the Minister of Militia and Defence, for five per cent. of the amount of the tender, which will be forfeited if the party making the tender declines to sign a contract called upon to do so. If the tender is not accepted, the cheque will be returned.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest of any tender.
A. BENOIT, Major,
Secretary.
Department of Militia and Defence,
Ottawa, May 7th, 1903.

Plans and Specifications

endorsed "Competitive design and specifications for
PUBLIC LIBRARY
for Victoria," will be received at the office of the undersigned until Saturday, the 13th day of June next, at 4 p.m., for the erection of a Free Public Library Building in the City of Victoria.
Copies of the conditions of competition may be obtained at the office of the undersigned.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C.M.C.,
City Clerk's office, Victoria, B.C., May 12th, 1903.

TENDERS.

Tenders are invited for the purchase of the stock in trade, goods and book debts of Brinkley, Wall & Co., grocers, Government street, Victoria.
For particulars apply to
J. H. LAWSON,
C. F. TODD,
Assignees.

TENDERS

Will be received by the undersigned until the 22nd of May, 1903, for the purchase of West Part of 2 of 1 and 2 Sasich Extension of the York Estate, containing over 1/2 an acre of land, with good 10 roomed house thereon, stable, orchard, etc. This property is known as the Maynard real estate, and is situated on the Burnside road, close to Douglas street car line. In-tending investors will do well to look this property up, as a bargain will be given by the mortgagees. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

P. C. MACGREGOR & CO.

TENDERS WANTED.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 12 o'clock noon on Saturday, 23rd day of May inst., for the purchase of lot No. 297, Victoria City, together with the brewery building thereon, and the brewing plant, stock, fixtures and effects, the whole known as the Lion Brewery.
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Solicitors for Vendors,
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Vancouver, B. C.

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Victoria, B.C.,
May 25th, 1903

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At Beacon Hill Park at 9 p. m.
Band Concerts afternoon and evening. Reduced rates from all points.
A. G. MCARDLESS,
Mayor.

VICTORIA WATERWORKS.

Attention is called to Sec. 22 of the "Waterworks Regulation By-Law, 1900," which reads as follows: "No person shall sprinkle, or use in any manner whatsoever, the water supplied by the city upon lawns, gardens, yards or grounds of any description, except between the hours of 5 and 9 o'clock in the morning, and the hours of 5 and 10 o'clock in the evening, unless the water so used shall be supplied by meter."
JAS. R. HAYTH,
Water Commissioner,
City Hall, May 5th, 1903.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DANIEL CAMPBELL, LATE OF THE CITY OF VANCOUVER, B. C. MASTER MARINER.

Notice is hereby given that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the said Daniel Campbell, who died on the 21st day of April, 1903, are required on or before the 9th day of June, 1903, to send to the undersigned their names and addresses and full particulars of their claims. And further take notice that after such date the administrators will proceed to distribute the assets among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which due notice has been given and that the said administrators will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims due notice has not been received at the time of distribution.
Dated the 8th day of May, 1903.
Solicitor for the administrators,
Victoria, B. C.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to make application to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a lease of the following described tract of land situated on the shores of Buttle's Lake, in Comox and Clayoquot Districts: Commencing at a point on the east shore of Buttle's Lake, where the E. & N. railroad land grant line intersects Buttle's Lake; thence along said E. & N. railroad land grant line in a southerly direction for a distance of two and one half miles; thence in a southerly direction following a line paralleling the east shore line of the lake and distant therefrom two miles to the head of Buttle's Lake; thence in a northerly direction following a line paralleling the west shore line of the said Buttle's Lake, and distant therefrom two miles, to the point of intersection with the E. & N. railroad land grant line; thence along said shore line in a southerly and northerly direction to the place of beginning, containing about 50,000 acres more or less.
WILL. H. PARRY,
Victoria, May 4th, 1903.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that at the next regular session of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria, I intend to apply for a transfer to Charles Albert Stewart, of the said City of Victoria, of the license now held by me to sell spirituous and fermented liquors by retail, on the premises known as the Colonial Hotel, Johnson street, in the said City of Victoria.
Dated this 7th day of May, 1903.
By his Attorney-in-Fact, John Colclathrie.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that at the next regular session of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria, I intend to apply for a transfer to Mrs. Caroline Fernando, of the said City of Victoria, of the license now held by me to sell spirituous and fermented liquors by retail, on the premises known as the Colonial Hotel, Johnson street, in the said City of Victoria.
Dated this 23rd day of April, 1903.
JOSEPH BAUER.

NOTICE.

All mineral rights are reserved by the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company within that tract of land bounded on the north by the south boundary of Comox District, on the east by the Straits of Georgia, on the north by the 20th parallel and on the west by the boundary of the B. & N. Railway Land Grant.
LEONARD H. ROLLY,
Land Commissioner.

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W. Hutchinson Tells of Advertising Canada Received Through the Osaka Expedition.

(Associated Press.)
Winnipeg, May 20.—Mr. Wm. Hutchinson, who was manager of the Canadian exhibit at the great Japanese exposition at Osaka, passed through this city last night on his way home from the exposition. Mr. Hutchinson said that the fair had been a splendid success from every standpoint. From the point of Canadian advertising, he considers this country's exhibit has done much to make the Japanese consider seriously the importing of some lines of Canadian goods. The outlook for the importation of flour was especially good, as the Japanese are slowly turning from their old diet of rice, and will have to import flour for their bread. In the Canadian exhibit was a fully equipped bakery which turned out bread that showed what can be done from the brands of Canadian flour. To facilitate a comparison between this and American flour, which is at present being shipped into Japan though as yet in small quantities, bread made of both flours were shown together. The Canadian flour easily proving its superiority in the loaf.
Senator Fulford, of Brockville, Ont., accompanied by his two daughters and Mrs. A. R. Allan, of the same town, passed through the city last night on his return from a six months' tour around the world.

WATER STOPS WORK.
Efforts to Extinguish Fire in Mine Result in Closing of Three Slopes.

(Associated Press.)
Sydney, N. S., May 20.—The water which is being pumped into the Dominion mine, No. 1, at Glace Bay, to extinguish the fire is forcing its way into the reserve colliery, and all operations have been stopped. Three slopes are now idle. It is feared that the barrier between the two collieries will be carried away by the great pressure of water, and if the men were at work there when the crash came, there would be no escape.

NO CONCESSIONS.
Toronto Railway Company's Reply to the Demands Made by Its Employees.

(Associated Press.)
Toronto, May 20.—The Toronto Railway Company has notified the committee representing its employees that it will make no increase of wages, it will not accept the board of arbitration, recognize the union nor grant any pay for overtime. The men will consider the company's answer at a mass meeting to be called immediately.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.
Editor Shot His Sweetheart and Then Himself.

Berlin, May 19.—The Mercury, a weekly paper, published by a group of young literary men in Strassburg, was recently confiscated on the charge of Les Majestés. Hans Pögel, a medical student, the responsible editor of the paper, thereupon shot and killed himself and his sweetheart.

A hurricane devastated Santa Maria, Bucares, Luzon, on Saturday. Earth shocks were felt, and during the progress of the storm the great stone barracks collapsed, killing one and injuring seven native scouts.

RAILWAY COMPANY
CLAIMS TITLE
(Continued from page 1.)

In answer to Mr. McPhillips, Sir Thomas said that W. J. Taylor, to his knowledge, had not acted for the C. P. R. or for the Canadian & Western or the B. C. Southern. He positively knew that Mr. Taylor had no connection with these companies. Mr. Taylor had no more influence with him in any such matter than any other person would have. The knowledge that the patents had been in the vault over night he learned only a week ago Monday, when making inquiry for papers. His knowledge of it came from Mr. Oswald, who said that on the 20th November Mr. Wells had handed him 20 patents, which were deposited in the vault. Later that evening Mr. Wells came and sought to get those two particular ones back. Either because Mr. Oswald did not get into the vault or because he did not wish to return them without authority, they were not given over. Mr. Wells the following day got them, having obtained the permission of witnesses to do so.

Referring to the memorandum produced by Mr. Wells as having been delivered to Sir Thomas, Mr. McPhillips asked what were the conditions which Mr. Wells asked for delivery of patents? Sir Thomas asked when Mr. Wells first went to him about these patents there was no condition of any kind, either the building of a line to Spence's Bridge or any other line. The only reason he advanced for wishing to retain them was that it was for political reasons.

Mr. McPhillips asked if Mr. Wells conveyed the impression that the incoming colleagues would have to be agreeable to this before the grants were delivered? Sir Thomas said that such a proposal was not made.

Mr. McPhillips said that as an hypothetical proposition, it was conveyed that the incoming colleagues were to be made to accept responsibility for the delivery of the grants? "Well, I'm so innocent of all things political," replied Sir Thomas, "I had no business transactions with him."

He had never heard of the Crow's Nest Coal Company taking any action to protect itself against the C. P. R. He had never known that the British Columbia government had been asked to intervene to protect the Crow's Nest Coal Company.

"The relations between your company and the Crow's Nest Coal Company are friendly?" asked Mr. McPhillips. "A kind of armed friendship," replied Sir Thomas.

He had understood that the reason for the cancellation was one of political expediency alone. It had not been made known to the C. P. R. that the cancellation was on the ground of the non-compliance to build to Spence's Bridge. This was never urged and the company never given a chance to accede to it. He had never heard that the cancellation took place because of any fraud being perpetrated. No opportunity was given until the present time to answer such, if it was urged.

Mr. McPhillips calling to the attention of Sir Thomas that he had referred to the act of this legislature as an "act of repudiation," Sir Thomas said he apologized for such an expression.

Mr. McPhillips explained that Mr. Wells rose in his place and stated that no title had passed and that delivery had not taken place of the patents. The legislature acted upon that.

Sir Thomas complained that the cancellation by order-in-council was really an ex post facto proceeding. In the House, when the matter was dealt with, it was again an ex parte proceeding, inasmuch as the company was not heard. He contended that this committee should have sat before action was taken. It should have been upon the results of this inquiry that action was taken by the legislature.

Referring to the answers of Mr. Wells in the House of 8th April and 2nd May, 1902, Sir Thomas admitted that he did not know what answer he might have made had he been a politician. The answer was not in the facts.

Mr. McPhillips said, judging by the questions asked during the session that the legislature was trying to get at the facts.

Sir Thomas admitted that that was apparent.

Mr. McPhillips said that the responsibility rested not with the legislature, but it was not apprised of the facts, but with the government.

Col. Prior interjected: "We take all responsibility."

Sir Thomas called the attention to the fact that after being apprised of the facts the legislature should do its duty.

Sir Thomas, in reply to Mr. McPhillips, in clearing up the reference made by Mr. McCall to the effect that Mr. Wells had shown nerve, exonerated the Chief Commissioner from "nerviness" at the time. His "nerve" was shown later.

When Mr. Oswald received the crown grants he inferred he was acting for the Columbia & Western. He was representing witness.

The committee adjourned until after the House met.

THE STORY OF THE
"HOT" EXECUTIVE
(Continued from page 1.)

Prior—St down, McE., and keep cool; nothing of the sort is suggested. Brown—Keep cool; it makes me damned hot. I beg your pardon. My language should be parliamentary. All I know of this alleged conversation with Taylor comes from you and Mr. Wells, who, I understand, a day or so ago communicated it to Mr. Prentice, and further Mr. Wells stated to me that there was nothing dishonorable in Mr. Taylor's proposition, but what had Mr. Taylor got to do with the conveyance of these lands to the company? Not he, but only the president and the shareholders could deal with the lands, and the deeds go direct to them. The whole situation is absurd, and I cannot conceive its object, except insofar as it may work on you and block the settlement. Who, besides Mr. Wells, is Mr. Taylor supposed to have spoken to? To you, Mr. Prentice?

Prentice—No, never. No one ever spoke to me of any company or of anything unusual or exceptional in the matter.

Brown—Did he speak to you, Mr. Eberts?

Eberts—No, have already explained this to the cabinet.

Brown—Did he speak to you, Mr. Dunsmuir?

Dunsmuir—By dang, no.

Brown—Then what does it all amount to—absolutely nothing.

Prior—Who would have power to deal with the company's lands?

Brown—Only the president and the directors of the company.

Eberts—Of course. It is foolish.

Prentice—Yes.

Brown—There is nothing more to be said. I have done my duty, and it is quite within the company's right to force the government should it see fit to the original settlement.

Dunsmuir—Yes, that's right; that's right; force the government.

Brown—Thank you, Mr. Dunsmuir. I understand you to mean that the company's application for a fiat for a petition of right, if made, will be granted?

Prior—I have only heard of this matter within a day or two, and cannot give an opinion.

Dunsmuir—I dunno. I dunno. We will see. We will discuss it.

Brown—Well, gentlemen, it only remains for me to thank you for this hearing. I shall apply for a fiat if so instructed, confidently expecting that it will be granted. Good morning.

EXONERATES GOVERNMENT.
Commissioner Walkem's Findings on Curtis's Charges.

The House met this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The speaker reported that the Royal commission, Mr. Justice Walkem, had reported to the House upon the charges preferred by Smith Curtis against the members of the Dunsmuir government in connection with railway matters. The report was read to the House.

The finding of the commission was that the subsidy proposed was not excessive, and that, therefore, the government was exonerated in that respect.

The government was also exonerated in respect to the negotiations with Mr. Greenhalgh.

THE JEWISH MASSACRE.
Former Minister Says Outrage Appeals For Redress to the Civilized World.

(Associated Press.)
New York, May 20.—Oscar Straus, who was twice United States minister to Turkey, gives the following views regarding the relations between the United States and Russia:

"No one can read without a shudder of horror the reports of the fiendish outrages at Kishineff on April 19th, 20th and 21st, upon the unoffending Jewish population of that city by a mob which was officially incited and officially protected."

"The London Times states that the number of Jews killed, men, women and children, was between 60 and 70, and the number of those seriously injured, men, women and children, is estimated at about 500. Workshops, stores and houses were ransacked and pillaged and the greater part of a community of thirty thousand has been rendered homeless and penniless. These crimes have been committed in Christian Russia by a Christian rabble, supported and participated in by Russian officials."

"The barbaric holocaust which has taken place in a populous city of one hundred and forty thousand inhabitants appeals for redress not to the Jews throughout the world, but to the civilized world. Not to those professing the religion of the slaughtered, but to those professing the religion of the slaughterers. It is a crime against civilization and Christianity as well."

"Whenever Russian horrors reach American ears we constantly hear about the long-standing friendship between Russia and the United States. If we look beneath the surface, which is not necessary when Russia is concerned, we will find that underlying courtesies to our naval officers and profuse diplomatic professions of friendship will be found a purpose to accentuate hostility towards England."

"The Russia of to-day has nothing in common with the United States, and she would, if she could, wipe the map from the face of the globe. The graphic forecast of her policy by England's greatest diplomatist, Stratford Canning, is verified in our day. Rome of old extended its way by conquest, but wherever its eagles flew the arts of civilization followed."

"The Russian bird of prey has no such compassion. It turns indeed toward the sun, but the shadow of its wings is blighting, and moral desolation comes upon its flight. Let not a false or misplaced gratitude check the humane sympathies of America for the despoiled Poles, the persecuted Christians and the oppressed and massacred Jews."

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FIGHTS WITH STRIKERS.
Police Called Upon to Protect Italians Who Returned to Work in New York.

(Associated Press.)
New York, May 19.—A clash between police and striking Italians took place at several points along the line of the subway today. The blucosats on picket duty along the street and the reserve at the station houses were called upon to suppress a dozen fights caused by the attempts of the strikers to prevent the return to work. The contractors reported that the strikers had kept some of their Italians from returning, but other workmen turned up to fill their places. The general situation was not affected. Several of the contractors, fearing recovery among some of the Italians who had returned to work, asked for special protection during the night at these points where dynamite was stored.

Moulders Idle.
St. Paul, Minn., May 19.—Every union moulder in St. Paul is on strike. The trouble was caused by the refusal of the foundrymen to concede a modification of the time schedule and wage rate now in force.

Trolleyman's Strike.
Bridgeport, Conn., May 19.—Quiet prevailed in the trolleyman's strike here early today. Deputies guarded the cars and police the car barns, power house and other points where crowds would be likely to gather. Cars were started this morning with non-union crews guarded. Only the State line and the Barnum avenue line have been opened since the strike began, but today it was announced that other lines would be operated.

PURCHASED BANK.
(Associated Press.)
Halifax, May 20.—The Bank of Montreal has purchased the Exchange Bank of Yarmouth. The capital stock of the Exchange is \$260,808 paid up. The reserve fund amounts to \$50,000.

PERSONAL.
Capt. Morrison, of the American tug Wanderer, accompanied by Mrs. Morrison, returned to the city this morning. The captain and Mrs. Morrison reside at Port Townsend, but have a number of friends living here.

Mrs. C. H. Gibbons came over from Vancouver last evening. She was accompanied by her husband and daughter, Roger Gibbons. They will spend several weeks here visiting friends.

Among the passengers by the steamer Charnier last evening were Dr. T. Glendon Moody and wife, who have been paying a two weeks' visit to the terminal city.

John Kane, Jas. A. Campbell and H. Graham, of Denver, Seattle and Boston respectively, are among the commercial men staying at the Victoria hotel.

Smith Curtis, M. P. P., and Geo. McE. Brown were among the arrivals from Vancouver last evening by the Charnier.

Mrs. E. E. Blackwood and the Misses Blackwood returned last night from a visit to friends on the mainland.

J. H. Brown came over from the Sound by the steamer Majestic yesterday afternoon.

Capt. J. V. Swift has returned after paying an extended visit to California.

R. W. McLean, Chinese interpreter, of Vancouver, is at the Victoria.

D. J. Munro, of New Westminster, is at the Driad.

The final draft of the stationing committee was submitted to the Methodist conference this afternoon. Pressure on space prevents its publication in this issue.

Rev. C. P. Connor takes the place of Rev. Mr. Scott at James Bay church and Rev. S. S. Osterhout, of Port Simpson, replaces Rev. G. W. Dean, of Victoria West, supernumerary. Pastors of other local churches retain their stations.

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